adopted a statement on non-proliferation. The Statement details the G-8 countries positions in several areas such as obligations of NPT states, IAEA safeguards, multilateral approaches to the nuclear fuel cycle and the proliferation risks associated with enrichment and reprocessing items and technology. India's agreements for cooperation with international partners including USA in peaceful uses of atomic energy provide for full international cooperation in the area of civil nuclear energy.

Spectrum allocation

755. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some existing dominant operators like Bharti Air Tel and Vodafone have started using the spectrum allocated to the new licensees knowing that their infrastructure is not yet ready and that they were not in a position to make use of the allocated spectrum;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action being taken by Government against these operators who have seriously violated clause 43.6 of the terms and conditions of the license agreement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT): (a) and (b) The new licencees, who have been allotted initial spectrum as per the conditions of Universal Access Service License (UASL) and while planning their network, have reported that existing operators are using their spectrum. An independent monitoring exercise was conducted by this Ministry and the results do not reveal such usage.

(c) Does not arise in view of (a) and (b) above.

Mobile phone towers

756. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the towers put up by mobile phone operators affect the health of the people in nearby areas;

(b) if so, preventive measures Government has taken;

(c) the plan Government has to inform the public about this hazard which is not known to the innocent public along such mobile towers used by mobile operators; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Guidelines by International

Commission on Non-ionizing Radiation Protection (ICNIRP) has been adopted by Telecommunications Engineering Centre (TEC) of DOT regarding basic restriction and response levels for limiting Electro Magentic Field exposures. Epidemiological studies on exposed workers and the general public have shown no major health effects associated with typical exposure environments (very near to Towers).

Government has also inserted a clause in the Service Licence Agreement stating "Licensee shall conduct audit and provide self certificates annually as per procedure prescribed by Telecommunications engineering Centre (TEC)/or any other agency authorized by Licensor from time to time for conforming to limits/levels for antennae (Base Station emissions) or general public exposure as prescribed by International Commission on Non-Ionizing Radiation Protection (ICNIRP) from time to time".

(c) Not applicable in view of (a) and (b) above.

(d) Not applicable.

SIM card racket

†757. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:
SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether 'SIM Card' racket of Jammu and Kashmir has been investigated;

(b) the number of mobile subscribers in the State in comparison to other States and its rank among other States;

(c) the number of people enquired after SIM racket investigation and the number of persons arrested out of them;

(d) whether terrorist link have also been found in it; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT): (a) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) The number of mobile subscribers in the State of Jammu and Kashmir is 45.84 lakhs as on 30.09.2009. A statement giving the Licensed Service Area (Circle) wise number of mobile subscribers as on 30.09.2009 is as under:—

Sl. No.	Circle/State	Total mobile phones
1	2	3
1.	Andhra Pradesh	37126048
2.	Assam	7015733

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.